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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Sir:

The undersigned executrix of the Estate of Vincent L. Vaillancourt hereby
appoints the following attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all
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A copy of an Administrator Short Certificate dated July 12, 2002 is attached to evidence the status of the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia B. Vaillancourt
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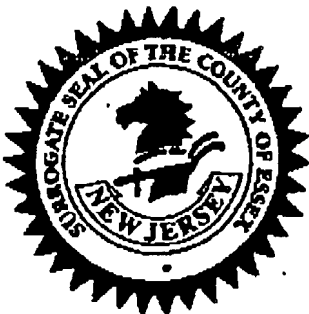
In the matter of the Estate of:
Vincent L. Vaillancourt, Deceased
AKA:

ADMINISTRATOR
SHORT CERTIFICATE

I, Joseph P. Brennan, Jr., Surrogate of Essex County, do hereby certify that Letters of Administration of the above named Decedent, who died intestate, late of the County of Essex and State of NJ, on May 2, 2002, were granted by the Surrogate of the County of Essex to Patricia B. Vaillancourt who is/are duly authorized to administer same agreeably to law; and I further certify that said letters as appears from the records of this court have never been revoked and still remain in full force and effect.

DO NOT ACCEPT WITHOUT RAISED SEAL

WITNESS my hand and seal of office on
July 12, 2002



Joseph P. Brennan, Jr. Surrogate